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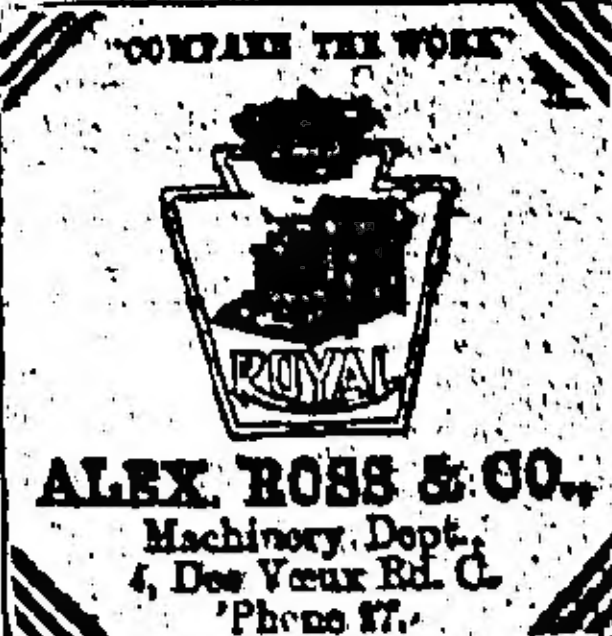
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TO-DAY'S CABLES.

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HOME RAILWAYS.

GENERAL STRIKE IMMINENT.

LONDON, Sept. 23.
Mr. J. H. Thomas, M.P. in a speech in London declared there was imminent danger of a general railway strike, because the Government's proposals for standardisation of wages made no allowance for the higher paid men and if the existing agreement for the war wage to terminate in December came into operation, this would mean a reduction of wages amounting to 24s. a week in some cases. He urged railwaymen who were anxious to act immediately to avoid action strikes which would hinder negotiations.

WAYS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

STRONGLY OPPOSED NEW MINISTRY IS INAUGURATED.

LONDON, September 23.
The Ministry of Ways and Communications was inaugurated to-day when Sir Eric Geddes commenced his task of bringing under a single control the whole transport of the country. It is hoped that much economy will thereby be effected.

FUME.

D'ANNUNZIO'S BOAST.

ROME, Sept. 23.
D'Annunzio in a communique states that despite the blockade of Fiume provisions are continually arriving from Julien, Venetia and Italia. Volunteers are also streaming in.

BREAKING UP A SECRET SOCIETY.

News has reached England of the death at Denver, U.S.A., at the age of 75, of James McParlan, the detective whose wonderful work in breaking up the infamous Molly Maguire organisation in Pennsylvania in 1876 thrilled the United States. McParlan was an Ulsterman who emigrated to America in 1863, and, having lost his all in the Chicago fire of 1871, obtained a post as detective with Pinkerton's. The anthracite regions of Pennsylvania had been for some years completely terrorised by a secret society of desperadoes known as Molly Maguires. Murder followed murder, dynamite, pistols, a falling pick, a dropping lift, a premature blast or a club were the methods used. Superintendents fell at their posts almost weekly, and railway and mine officials lived in terror of their lives and of the lives of their wives and families. The police were powerless, and at length Mr. Franklin B. Gowen, the President of the Philadelphia and Reading Coal and Iron Company, invited McParlan to take a hand in breaking up the organisation, which had 30,000 members, with regular officers, assassinating their chief aim.

His orders were explicit. He was to discover the criminals who infested the coal regions. He was to learn of their inside workings, to give notice of intended outrages, to endeavour to warn those who were doomed, to point out the offenders and to give secret information which would secure their conviction. Under the name of James McKenna, McParlan, a slightly-built but muscular man of middle height, made his way to Pool Clinton. He tried to get a lodging at the village tavern, which appeared a promising starting-point for his investigations, but was thrown out as a tramp, and had to put up at a railway boarding-house. He got a job running a train in the mines, and became one of the Mollys. He gained everybody's confidence; he was secretary for his local branch of the Maguires. He led mobs, fought fights; even once he led a gang of desperadoes against a colliery where his own friends, the detectives, were waiting for them with loaded Winchester—he did everything except be a detective, at least so far as the Mollys could gather.

SPREADING THE NET.
But day by day he got word back to headquarters. If he couldn't get ink, he used the blue that his boarding-house mistress had left from the week's wash. Sometimes he used soot and water. He didn't want to be seen buying ink. He kept his stamps in his boot leg for the same safe reason. And one day all over the country there appeared the full ritual of the Mollys and all their signs and passwords. McParlan's employers had deemed it wise to take the public into their confidence. Meanwhile even the police were trying to trap the detective, whom, not knowing, they regarded as one of the leaders of the desperadoes, and once he was severely clubbed for approaching too near Mr. Gowen. His work was well done, and when the time came in 1876 there were seventy arrests, and McParlan gave his damning evidence. In the interval before the trial many attempts were made on the detective's life by friends of the prisoners, who tried to poison him, throw him down a mine-shaft, and to blow him up with dynamite as he stood in court. In the result eleven men

SHIPPING PERSONALIA.

Captain F. Newcomb, of the "Ngankin," has gone master, "Woo-sung."

Captain J. Meathrel, of the "Woo-sung," has gone master, "Ngankin."

Mr. J. Stirling, chief officer, "Fochow," has gone chief officer, "Shantung."

Mr. S. Aherne has been appointed second officer, "Teau."

Mr. R. Kettlewell, chief officer, "Tatung," is on reserve. Mr. W. H. Taylor, chief officer, "Tatung," has gone chief officer, "Tatung."

Mr. H. M. Rogers, chief officer, "Chungking," is on reserve. Mr. R. H. Fairley, from reserve, has gone chief officer, "Chungking."

Mr. C. M. Harlow, third engineer, "Hohow," has resigned.

Mr. E. Dewar, from reserve, has gone third engineer, "Kwangse." Mr. L. S. Strambe, third engineer, "Kwangse," has gone third engineer, "Hohow."

Mr. H. J. Richards, from reserve, has gone supernumerary third engineer, "Shantung."

Mr. E. Mackay, third engineer, "Yunnan," is on reserve. Mr. H. Campbell, from reserve, has gone second engineer, "Yunnan."

Mr. D. M. Whyte, acting second engineer, "Yunnan," has gone third engineer, same ship.

Mr. F. C. Everett, from leave, has gone chief officer, "Suiwo." Mr. W. Forster, chief officer, "Suiwo," has gone acting master, "Luenho."

Capt. J. Jackson, of the "Luenho," is on leave.

Mr. W. Thomson, chief engineer, "Tuckwo," has gone chief engineer, "Loongwo." Mr. A. McEwan, chief engineer, "Loongwo," is on reserve.

Mr. D. Buie has been appointed supernumerary third engineer, "Luenho."

Mr. F. C. Clemo, supernumerary third engineer, "Luenho," has gone third engineer, same ship.

Mr. L. McWilliams, second engineer, "Luenho," has gone acting chief engineer, "Tuckwo."

Mr. H. M. Sorensen, second officer, "Toonan," has gone acting chief officer, same ship.

Mr. M. I. Dollar has been appointed second officer, "Yushun."

Mr. P. Aksunoff has been appointed fourth engineer, "Kiangshan."

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EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

A MEMORABLE NAVAL FUNCTION.

London, September 23rd.
A memorable function took place at the Portsmouth Town Hall, to-day, when a number of Admirals and representatives of the lower deck dined in neighbourly fashion at a great Naval reunion to celebrate peace.

The affair was entirely organised by the lower deck. Four hundred guests sat down.

There were present a scintillating galaxy of Admirals and Naval heroes, headed by Admiral Beatty, whose car was pulled by the Olympic's gun crew to the steps of the Town Hall, where a wonderful and picturesque welcome was accorded him.

Admiral Beatty headed the procession of guests amid the strains of "Rule Britannia," and sat next to a Petty Officer.

After dinner, a presentation was made to Admiral Beatty, who, responding to his health, referred to the comradeship in the Navy as one of the strongest units of its citizens. Navy had a great Navy such a difficult task, giving so little opportunity for honour and glory. The lower deck did not yet know all the Navy's glorious deeds.

Admiral Beatty stirringly recalled some of the most brilliant exploits and most glowing acts of the war, in which their sinking comrades had shown courage which was utterly incredible.

In the era of economy, which had now set in, reductions were inevitable, but he hoped they would carry with them justice, and still afford adequate assurance for our Overseas enterprises.

Admiral Beatty stated that the Navy's efficiency was never greater than to-day. He hoped it would be found possible to devise means by which the best brains from all ranks could be utilised for the highest positions. (Loud cheers.)

Referring to the unquenchable courage of the Navy, Admiral Beatty mentioned that when his squadron passed the remnants of the *Queen Mary* and the *Invincible*, in the Battle of Jutland, the survivors aboard those ships took off and waved their shirts and cheered.

THE IRON-FOUNDERS' STRIKE.

London, September 23rd.
As a result of the iron-founders' strike, the outlook in the Midlands is very black.

It is expected that 35,000 engineers in Leeds and 16,000 workers in Wolverhampton will be idle shortly.

The strike has spread to the Southampton shipyards.

AMERICAN STEEL WORKERS' STRIKE.

New York, September 23rd.
A nation-wide strike of steel workers has begun.

A varying response is reported from the principal centres. Many mills continue to work with reduced staffs.

The Steel Workers' Secretary states that 284,000 have struck, of which 80,000 are in Chicago and 20,000 in Cleveland.

The Companies claim that most of the strikers are not Americans.

The Unionist workers in the Bethlehem Steel Company are not participating, pending a conference with the Company.

The United Mine Workers of Cleveland have decided not to strike sympathetically.

FUME.

Rome, September 23rd.
The *Tempo's* Trieste correspondent says that a number of Jews-Slavs threw a bomb on to a street in Fiume. One person was killed and several injured.

AN APPEAL FROM D'ANNUNZIO.
The *Popolo Italia* publishes an appeal from D'Annunzio to open a national subscription on behalf of Fiume.

RUSSIA.

GENERAL DENIKIN'S SUCCESS.

London, September 23rd.
The War Office states that General Denikin is apparently within 40 miles of Astrakhan.

A strong Bolshevik cavalry force, supported by armoured cars, has crossed the Khoper River 40 miles north east of the junction with the Don. Heavy fighting is proceeding.

The Don Army is progressing along the Volga railway. They have taken 1,200 prisoners. They also captured five guns in the recent operations.

General Denikin has gained another great success in the capture of the important town of Ruzsk.

KOLICHAK RESIGNS TITLE OF "CHIEF RULER."

London, September 23rd.
A Moscow telegram asserts that Admiral Kolichak has resigned the title of "Chief Ruler" in favour of General Denikin.

The *Daily Chronicle*, in a leader, says that the time is ripening to adjust the relations between Admiral Kolichak and General Denikin. It is unreasonable for the Denikin Government, representing a large part of European Russia, to be subservient to the Siberian Government.

LITHUANIAN TROOPS NEAR DVINSK.

Berlin, September 23rd.
The Lithuanian Press Bureau states that Lithuanian troops are within three kilometres of Dvinsk.

Lithuania has refused to negotiate with the Bolsheviks unless the Allies and Latvia and Estonia jointly negotiate.

The *Daily News* correspondent in Paris states that General Etienne has arrived at Riga. It is reported that he will represent France in the negotiations for an armistice between the Baltic States and the Bolsheviks.

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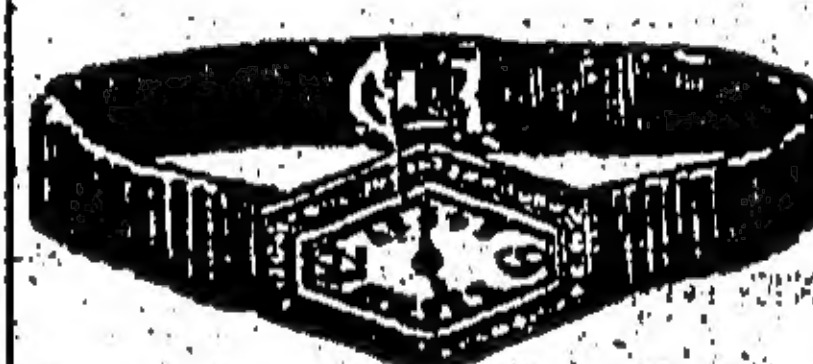
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Hongkong, September 24, 1919.

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For the Committee of the Hongkong Stock Exchange.
W. LOGAN,
Secretary.
Hongkong, September 23, 1919.

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NOTICE.

OUR Interest and Responsibility in the business hitherto carried on by us under the name and style of **W. R. LOXLEY & CO.** at Hongkong, Canton and London; Merchants, ceased on the 1st April, 1919.

The said business as from that date has been acquired by **J. A. RUSSELL & Co., Kuala Lumpur, F.M.S.**, who have assumed all responsibility for the liabilities of the firm as existing on that date and properly contracted during the period from that date to the present date.

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MATTHEW POOLE BEATTIE.
Hongkong, September 24, 1919.

NOTICE.

WE have acquired the business hitherto carried on by Messrs. **W. R. LOXLEY & Co.** at Hongkong, Canton and London and shall continue to trade under the same firm name and style.

The business having been taken over as a going concern as on the 1st April, 1919—the proper liabilities of the firm as on that date and those contracted since in carrying on the business are assumed by ourselves.

JOHN ARTHUR RUSSELL,
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ROBERT CAROL RUSSELL.
Hongkong, September 24, 1919.

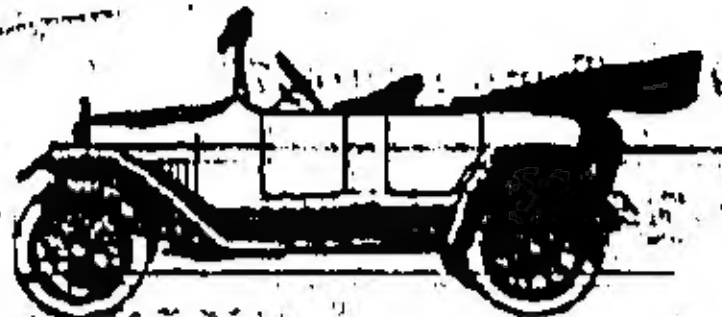
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ALL PERSONS with the exception of persons of Chinese race, wishing to leave the Colony must have in their possession a **VALID PASSPORT.** Passports may be obtained from the G.P.O. and at all Police Stations.

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E. D. C. WOLFE,
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ODESSA JEWS' FATE.

Reuter's Agency is informed that further Jewish pogroms have taken place in Russia. Reports are to hand that General Gregoroff's troops, which are occupying Odessa, surrounded the Jewish quarter and began a massacre from which not one Jew escaped. The whole Jewish quarter for three days and nights was in the hands of the Russian soldiery.

HUN LABOUR SULY.

Mr. W. A. Appleton, secretary of the General Federation of Trade Unions, has been elected president for two years of the International Trade Union Congress now sitting at Amsterdam. The German and Austrian delegates refused to take office.

GEN. LETTOW WANTS COLONIES.

General von Lettow-Vorbeck, who commanded the Hun forces in East Africa against us, makes it clear that if he has any influence the present peace will be only a truce. In an appeal which he addresses to the German people, as the 'prelude to Captain von Ruettich's Feldzug in Ostafrika' (Reminiscences, Berlin, just published), he says: "Not only the increase in our population but also the increase in our productivity compels us to seek domains which lie outside our home territories in Europe. Colonies are necessary, otherwise the dumping-up of our forces in our homeland must produce an explosion."

BED ON A LIFT.

The death has occurred of John Hurlock, the paralysed bookmaker of Kingsdiffe (Northants), who for twenty years went to bed on a lift through the ceiling of his shop. Hurlock, who was sixty-two years old, was a bachelor, and twenty years ago he lost the use of both his legs. He was undaunted by his misfortune, and he determined to carry on. He had a winding lift constructed between his bedroom and his shop. A trapdoor for the lift passage was out in the ceiling of the shop immediately above Hurlock's work-bench, and every night and morning for twenty years he was thus raised to bed from his work.

SOLDIERS' WIVES MAY GO TO THE RHINE.

The Secretary of the War Office announced that wives of officers and other military men may join their husbands serving with the Army of the Rhine under certain conditions. All arrangements for the journey and for accommodation and maintenance of the Continent must be made by the family travelling with the usual Continental travel agents, and all costs defrayed privately. Wives intending to avail themselves of this privilege should communicate with their husbands, asking them to obtain the necessary sanction from the military authorities in Germany, who will notify their approval direct to the Military Permit Office, London. In no case must inquiries be addressed in the first instance to either the Military Permit Office, or the Passport Office.

GOVERNOR OF THE GOLD COAST.

The King has approved the appointment of Brigadier-General Frederick Gordon Guggisberg, R.E., C.M.G., D.S.O., as Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Gold Coast, in succession to Sir Hugh Clifford, K.C.M.G. General Guggisberg, a Royal Engineer officer, who entered the Army from Woolwich in 1889, has already had a good deal of West African experience, and has been specially employed under the Colonial Office on survey of the Gold Coast and Ashanti, as well as spending four years in Nigeria as Surveyor-General. As an author he has written the story of the Royal Military Academy, a one-act play, produced in 1907, 'We Two in West Africa' (in collaboration with his wife), and many articles and short stories.

CAN'T LIVE ON £738.

A Coventry mechanic brought before the Coventry magistrates for non-payment of income tax was shown to have earned £738 in a year. He said it was not enough to keep his wife and family on.

Christopher Henry Smith, 45, tramway driver, 29, Aragon-road, East Ham, was fined £10 by the East Ham magistrates for assaulting a police constable who went to arrest him for non-payment of income tax. When searched £202 in notes was found on him. The income tax due was only 15s.

WIFE'S CIGARETTES.

In answer to a charge of deserting a wife, a man complained at Birmingham recently that she smoked cigarettes. "What can you do with a woman like that?" he asked. A magistrate suggested that smoking was not a crime. The man stipulated that if he provided a home for his wife she should give up her cigarettes and her parents. They had been married only eight months.

The wife said she would give up smoking, and the case was adjourned to give the couple an opportunity of settling their differences.

GRANTS IN OTHER DAYS.

It is interesting to recall some of the more outstanding occasions in the history of the fighting forces on which their leaders received grants from the public funds:

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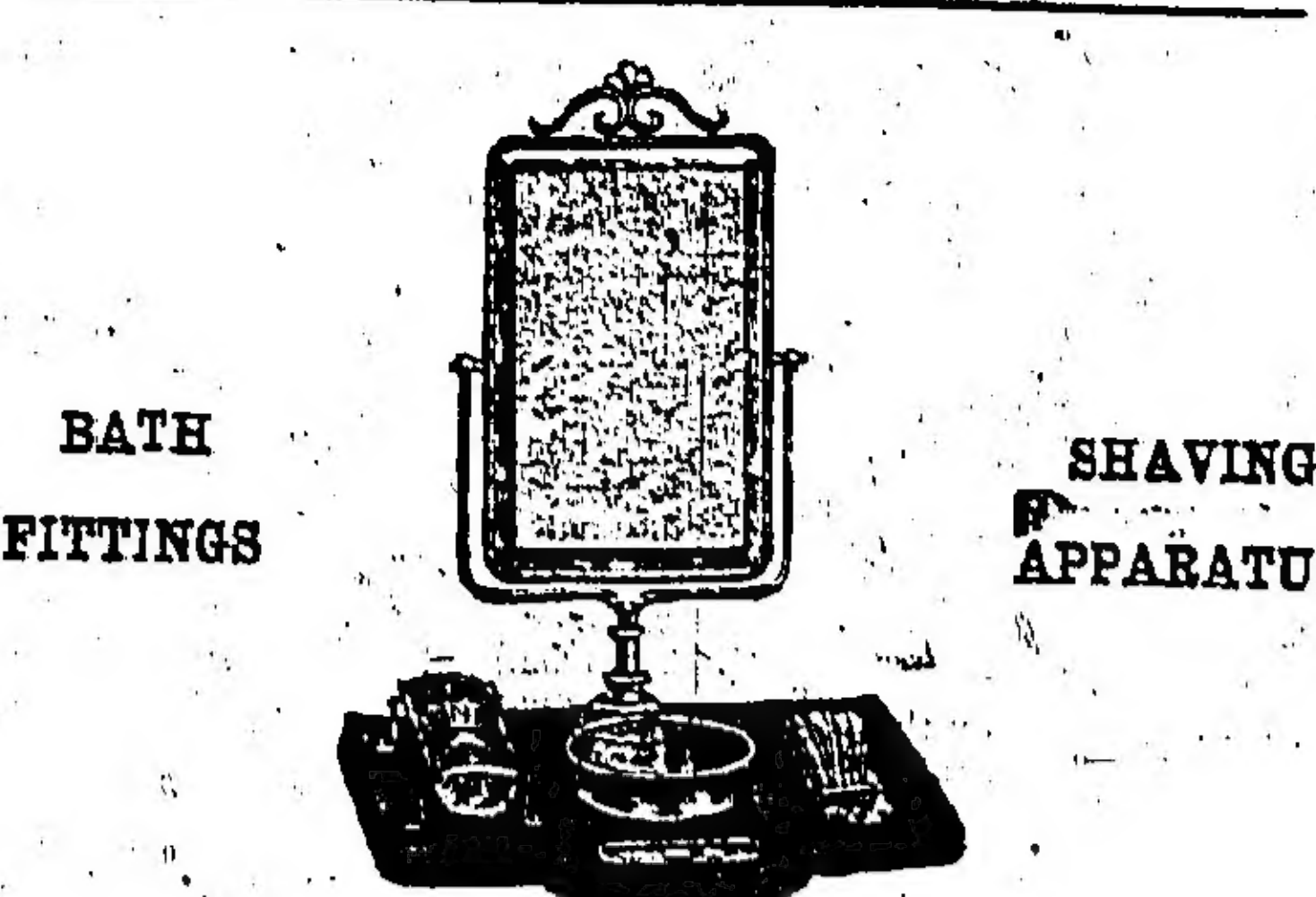
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at 11.30 A.M. for the purpose of pre-
senting the Report of the General
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31st May, 1919.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the
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GORDON & CO.,
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Hongkong, September 15, 1919.

HONGKONG ST. ANDREWS
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THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEET-
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DAY, 30th September, 1919, at 5.30
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Annual Report and Statement of
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P. TOD,
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Hongkong, September 16, 1919.

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By Order of the Board,
R. M. DYER, Esq.,
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Hongkong, September 22, 1919.

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THE TWENTY-THIRD ORDIN-
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Hongkong, on SATURDAY 11th day
of October 1919, at 12.30 o'clock in the
afternoon for the purpose of presenting
the Report of the Directors and State-
ment of Accounts to 31st July 1919.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the
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By Order,
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TRAMPS.

So already, so soon after the great war, the Home newspapers are beginning to talk of the return of the tramp, and to bewail it. For finders of mare's nests, foretellers of unimaginable evils, and habitual grabbers of the wrong ends of sticks, see these pestiferous journalists. They have no peers in the realm of making mole-hills into mountains, stinging adders out of mere blind-worms, and criminals of tramps. For us we have no mind to highways that lack the pedestrians who are eternally going elsewhere. The tramping fraternity of the English roads, take them by and large, and certes this deponent knows them well, are men maligned. At odd times there's a fool amongst them, as amongst all other phratries, a fool that frightens lonely women, intimidating to serve selfish ends. Sometimes, as in other communities, a thief appears; but the vagrant who pilfers is resented by the rest, for he makes their honest ways to be infested with undeserved annoyances.

It is these exceptions to the rule, no doubt, who are responsible for the fear and mistrust of tramps, and for the libels we now review, for the mob is always ready to condemn a congregation for the sake of one sinner in it, reversing the generous order of the good God who for the sake of one righteous man will save a sinful city.

There is also the scornful attitude which dubs them all lazy, idle rascals, and though it do no more itself than count partridges in coverts and sit once a week at Petty Sessions, sees in work *per se* a panacea for the presumed wickedness of all eccentrics. Robert Louis Stevenson played at the tramping game himself and got insight into the life and psychology of it. In one of two pleasant little books, either "Travels with a donkey" or the one about his boating trip on the Rhone, he tells of an adventure with authority that was due to his tramp-like appearance, and he cried, "what it must be to be a tramp in reality," meaning one that has no resources other than his two hands and his wits. And in another place, touching this matter of work, he says "it is not by any means certain that a man's business is the most important thing he has to do." He did not know, with all his nubile insight and sympathy, that in truth the business of a tramp is tramping.

Tramping, as a ware contributor to the *Manchester Guardian* has recently told the people, is as much a career as anything else. Whatever

our philosophy, Stoic or Epicurean, utilitarian or mystically moral, we are all in the hunt for happiness, and our tramp is one with the temperament that "takes the cash, and lets the credit go." To him freedom in the hand is worth more than leisure in the bush; and in his makeup is that divine curiosity which is forever questing, always feeling that just round the next corner the chronic expectancy of the romantic spirit is to be gratified. He is rarely articulate enough to explain it, but to know him is to know it. At an early stage of the war, (so writes the *Manchester Guardian* seer) a tramp who had been befriended regularly by a woman on his road of travel told her one day that he was joining the army. She expressed approval, and added: "What do you intend to do when the war's over?" "Do, la?" he asked. "Come back to the road." It was the movement, the chance of patriotism, which had attracted him to the army; but it was an interruption of his chosen career, and as such he saw it.

Clearly visible is the truth that it would not do for everybody to take to tramping; but that's no argument against those who do. To begin with, not everybody wants to. Those that do not often envy those that do, and to envy we may attribute much of the persecutions, the savage laws, the stocks and pillories and prisons and policemen, that in all these years have failed to drive them off the roads.

Be not misled, moreover, by writers like Bart Kennedy, a wordy, windy fellow at his best, who makes a very little knowledge cover a vast amount of printed paper. His experiences were mainly with the American "hobo," and America is a comparatively new and lawless country, where pistols are handy, and crime conspicuous, and (to the American tramp, who does not walk but steals railway rides) work objectionable. There are habitual tramps in England who do work, and work well. Perhaps the most interesting road and doss-house mate this deponent ever had was a journeyman printer, who worked at the case just long enough in any one place to provide funds for a further period of tramping. Where or what is the moral difference between that and the conduct of the diligent city slave who "saves up" for a summer holiday or a motor tour through the country? One of our best minor poets is a tramp. We blush for our treacherous memory, that fails to recall his name. Bernard Shaw, we believe, stood godfather to one of his books. Patri-k McGill, the author, was one of those hard-working tramps who help to construct great public works, and then move on. Literary friends established him "respectably" in London, but he could not stand it. He too went to

the war, and gave us books like "The Red Horizon." It has suited employers to keep a vast reserve of casual labourers, to be used when wanted, and turned adrift when not. Fair is fair, and we should be as tolerant of the man who earns enough for his simple needs, and then downs tools and betakes him back to the life he loves. He has as great a right to make a convenience of his labour as they have to make a convenience of him.

Love is the true word for it, and the life requires no gushing sentimentalists to defend it. Who sees England more properly, more completely, than the man who wanders about throughout the land, choosing his own pace, and ignoring Time the slave-driver? No wonder that tramps went to war to fight for it. It is the beloved possession of such a man in a far completer sense than it belongs to those who stay always in some corner of it. Tramping England, if you think a moment, is a kind of patriotic uriosity. Luckily there is no danger of such reflections "corrupting" the nation and making too many rash, like pigs possessed, heading into vagrancy. Because there are very real hardships and discomforts and deprivations in the tramping life, and sentimental experimenters, even with boots unbent behind them, and avoiding the sordid side of it, soon discover them. They curse George Borrow and go home again, to their picture palaces and promenade concerts. They miss the great secret of genuine vagrancy, the secret that Arctic explorers and jungle trackers and Alpine climbers know. Happiness is a fruit of intense preoccupation, and tramping provides that and compels it. The tramp does not worry about to-morrow because he has so much to think of to-day.

Across the years we hail them, companions of many a well spent day, colleagues, of many a shift and stratagem, sharers of the quest for what was till then the secret of that which passeth understanding. *Solvi tur ambulando*. They taught this deponent and helped him, and it is but common gratitude to wish them well and a fair deliverance from the slanders and persecutions of them that would now meddle with such few as are left.

BROWN BOOTS AND SNAKES.

Our correspondent "Papa" to-day has given us a happy phrase, "a tempest in a nutshell," for which we are grateful. We like it. He has also thrown great light on a thing that puzzled us, namely, why John Kestrel introduced a cryptic reference to poisonous reptiles in a letter supposed to be about brown boots and snakes. It is now apparent that the parties to this fascinating controversy know each other's identities and histories. Consequently we arrive at something more than a suspicion, showing a laudable concern for our having been miserably misled, was not averse from further misleading us by concealing the fact that he had personal knowledge and consequently personal motives. We are not complaining. No harm has been done. On the contrary, we now have the advantage of an interesting sidelight on the way in which local controversies may take shapes perfectly well understood by all the parties but not by the editor of the paper who gives them publicity. We also have an object lesson of the way in which personal prejudices can obscure principles. If a man asserts that the earth is flat, the proper thing is to look at the proposition and not at the man. But if you happen to know that the author of the proposition once threw a stone at the parrot of your maiden aunt, or put a live frog in the bedroom slipper of your wife's youngest sister, or that he has a red nose and a repellent squint, it is very hard for you to avoid being prejudiced against the flat-earth theory. This confirms our favourite theory that the conductor of a newspaper should himself possess no local acquaintances, but preserve his impartiality by being an eremite, unknown and unknown of the men whose arguments he may be called upon to review. It was John Kestrel, and not this paper, who was misled. In setting up to judge the Great Brown Boots Question (and returning a verdict of unmitigated insubordination) he may have fluked on the correct judgment. That is still to be settled. But he must certainly have reached it by a "wrong route." It seems he disapproved of this young man's perverted sense of humour, in sending a poisonous snake to somebody unnamed, and therefore decided that as John Kestrel was wrong in that instance he must also be wrong in the business of the brown boots. That is possible, of course, but it does not follow, more than it follows because the snake was harmless that the brown boots were in order on parade. We hope we make ourselves quite clear. If a policeman wears brown boots on parade when black boots are stipulated for in the regulation, he has no-right whatever to send even a harmless snake to anybody, friend or foe. On the other hand, it would be patently absurd to wear the snake on parade and to send John Kestrel the boots, especially as we are yet without any evidence whatever as to the colour of the snake, whether it was brown or black. To find the real issue in this tempest in a nut-

shell is like looking for a snake in a pottle of hay, and if the boot business was not as black as John Kestrel painted it, no wonder John Gutz is left in a brown study. Our curiosity is all worked up now to know who got the snake, and what they did with it.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

To-day's dollar is worth 4/2 7/16d.

Shanghai has been declared to be not infected and quarantine has been withdrawn by the Hongkong Government.

We are informed by the Colonial Secretariat that Shanghai has withdrawn quarantine against Hongkong from 27th August.

Sir Charles Eliot, K.C.M.G., arrived to-day by the "Tenyo Maru" and has no intention at present of proceeding to London.

Mr. A. W. Bliss, of the Hongkong Whampoa Dock Co., and Mrs. Bliss and their child returned to the Colony on the s.s. "Tenyo Maru" to-day.

Mr. C. C. Hickling, of Butterfield and Swire and Dr. (Mrs.) Hickling (M.O.H.) returned to the Colony after a holiday in Japan, on the "Tenyo Maru."

Amongst the local residents who returned to the Colony by the "Tenyo Maru" to-day is Mr. R. H. Kotawell, Manager of the Hongkong Mercantile Co., Ltd.

The s.s. "Cornelia" (Capt. Guerreiro) arrived from Swatow yesterday with 70 tons of general cargo and one bag of mails for Hongkong.

The s.s. "Tatouise" (Capt. Le Nilan) arrived from Saigon yesterday with 1,000 tons of general cargo and 5 bags of mails. She also brought 1 European passenger.

The s.s. "Tijlboort" (Captain Bouman) arrived from New York this morning with 6,080 tons of oil, 150,000 casks of kerosene oil and 18,000 barrels of grease.

Amongst those who arrived in the Colony by the s.s. "Tenyo Maru" is Mr. E. L. Braga, one of the first batch of Hongkong men who volunteered for war service in 1915.

The s.s. "Haiyang" (Capt. Passmore) arrived from Singapore at 2.30 p.m. yesterday with 1,400 tons of general cargo and mails. She carried 9 European passengers.

The s.s. "Kueichow" (Capt. Jones) arrived from Tientsin at 7.30 a.m. yesterday with 600 tons of general cargo and 4 bags of mails. She brought one European passenger.

The s.s. "Chenan" (Capt. Laver) arrived from Shanghai yesterday with 5,868 packages and 443 tons of general cargo for Canton. She also brought 22 bags of mails for Hongkong.

Mr. R. A. Carvalho another Hongkong man who volunteered for war service soon after the commencement of hostilities, returned to the Colony to-day by the "Tenyo Maru." He is accompanied by Mrs. Carvalho (a war bride) and their two children.

According to returns published by the Shipping Control Bureau of the Department of Communications, the total number of Japanese ships of over 1,000 tons each on official record at the end of June last, was 734, aggregating 2,263,225 tons. Japan's mercantile fleet is now fourth in the world.

Two men asked him to carry a parcel. When inquisitive police appeared, his employers ran away. There was 20 taels weight of opium in the parcel. He didn't know what he was carrying. Evidently Mr. Lindsell did not believe this story this morning, for he fined the burden bearer \$2,000, with the alternative of eight months' imprisonment with hard labour.

The Hon. Treasurer of the Alice Memorial and Affiliated Hospitals acknowledges with thanks the following donations to the funds of the Hospitals:-

Mr. Chau Chung Pang... \$50
Mr. Li Yau Chun... 50
Lo Chap Shan... 50
Yuen Hang Kui... 50
Leung Yan Po... 50
Lo Shui Hoi... 50
Messrs. Wo Fat Shang... 50

More than half of the mines laid by the American Navy in the North Sea in a field 250 miles long and thirty miles wide from the Doggerbank off the Dutch Coast to the Scandinavian waters, have been destroyed by an American mine sweeping fleet. Seventy-five ships are clearing off the mine fields, destroying all the mines which it cost more than \$400 each to lay, the total cost of laying the American mine field being nearly \$4,500,000. The British mine field in the North Sea contains 40,000 mines.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The s.s. "Loksang" (Captain Simpson) sailed for Hongkong at 8 a.m. to-day. She took no cargo.

The s.s. "Fochow" (Capt. Mechem) sailed for Swatow at 6 a.m. to-day. She took no cargo.

The s.s. "Tamon Maru" (Capt. Itoh) sailed for Hongkong at 8 a.m. to-day. She took no cargo.

The s.s. "Yuetsang" (Capt. Ross) arrived from Swatow yesterday with 100 tons of general cargo.

The s.s. "Kunghong" (Capt. Chunchai) sailed for Shanghai at 6 a.m. to-day with 50 tons of general cargo.

The s.s. "Hongmoh" (Capt. Mason) sailed for Rangoon at 2 p.m. to-day with 2,100 tons of general cargo.

The s.s. "Yuetsang" (Capt. Ross) sailed for Swatow at 5 p.m. to-day with 300 tons of general cargo.

The s.s. "Cornelia" (Capt. Guerreiro) sailed for Swatow at 6 a.m. to-day with 200 tons of general cargo.

The s.s. "Kaiping" (Captain Nagaina) sailed for K.C. Wan at 6 a.m. to-day with 80 tons of general cargo.

The s.s. "Kunghong" (Captain Chunchai) arrived from Panghai yesterday with 35 tons of general cargo and 1 bag of mails.

The s.s. "Taiszema" (Capt. Lemos) arrived from Pakhoi this morning with 300 tons of general cargo and 4 bags of mails.

The s.s. "Alaska Maru" (Capt. Moera) arrived from Yokohama yesterday with 6,500 tons of general cargo and 36 bags of mails.

The s.s. "Sunning" (Capt. Benson) sailed for Shanghai at noon to-day with 500 tons of general cargo. She takes 6 European passengers.

The story of the wholesale arrest of students at Canton on Tuesday night for boycott activities was exaggerated. Only eleven were detained.

The *Canton Times* begins its second year to-day. An unfortunate technical implication of the word prevents us from wishing it many happy "returns," but we wish it success.

It is now about a week since the *Canton Times* promised to furnish detailed reasons for objecting to the Canton streetcar concession. We have searched it regularly but in vain for these.

The s.s. "Tenyo Maru" (Capt. Maki) arrived from San Francisco this morning with 555 tons of merchandise and gold coins for Hongkong. She also brought 225 packages of mails and 91 European passengers.

The s.s. "Kwangtuh" (Captain Stewart) arrived from Shanghai this morning with 1,100 tons of general cargo of which 450 tons were for Hongkong. She also brought 43 bags of mails and European passengers.

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Shipping recently gave out figures showing that while the total tonnage owned by Great Britain before the war lacked 1,500,000 of being half of the world's tonnage, and the British war loss totalled 7,500,000 tons, the present tonnage of British ownership totals only 3,500,000 less than that of the whole world.

Re the freight rate on Indian raw cotton to be imported into Japan between November, 1919, and October, 1920, two meetings were held in the latter part of August at Osaka between the cotton spinning mills' union and the leading steamship companies concerned. As the result, \$36 per ton was quoted for 800,000 tons of raw cotton; and at \$35 less per ton or \$35 in case of there being any excess quantity.

During the quarter ended in March 1919 the total number and tonnage of vessels which entered and cleared at Dairen was 1,246 vessels of 1,032,944 tons, showing, when compared with the same quarter in 1918, an increase of 286 vessels and 221,453 tons. The percentages of the various flags were: 91.0 per cent. Japanese; 6.1 per cent. Chinese; 1.3 per cent. British; and 1.6 per cent. Danish, Dutch, Norwegian, and Russian.

Mr. E. L. Braga left here with the original Hongkong contingent on the s.s. "Delta" on December 2, 1914, and with the exception of 4 or 5 months in the early part in 1917, during which time he was training for his commission, was in active service in France, from February 1915 until the early part of 1918 when he was badly wounded. He was released from hospital just prior to the signing of the armistice. Mr. Braga was a very keen sportsman and figured prominently in cricket, tennis and football in Hongkong. He left the Pacific Mail here to join the Colours.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Arrangements are now completed for the tour through India and the Far East of the well-known English actress, Marie Tempest, in her repertoire of Tempest comedies. Her itinerary includes Hongkong.

Among the passengers on the Asia are Mr. W. R. Elliston, who will act as naval architect for Messrs. John I. Thornycroft & Co., Ltd., in the East and Mr. S. Howard, who is an expert motor engineer from the same firm.

It is reported that two more monitors of the insect class, like the *Bea* and the *Scarab*, are due in China shortly. They are called the *Moth* and the *Mantis*, and it is expected that after their arrival the warships of the *Woodcock* and *Woodlark* type will be withdrawn.

A Chinese crew which was engaged for a steamer in America and signed fresh articles in England had the wages of the boatswain, carpenter, steward and No. 1 fireman on the articles at \$19 per month while that of the third officer, who held a first mate's certificate, was \$17.

Three men were killed and 33 overcome with fumes and smoke, when a fire broke out aboard the super-dreadnought "New Mexico," the flagship of the Pacific Fleet, on September 8, while she lay at anchor at San Francisco. The cause of the fire has not officially announced.

With yesterday's arrivals by s.s. "Thongwa," all except three members of the Hongkong contingent—Messrs J. Rodger, A. H. Crew, and W. C. Labrum—have returned to the Colony. Mr. Rodger is due here on the s.s. "Khiva," whilst Messrs. Crew and Labrum are taking a holiday at Home.

The *Peking Daily News* says that, as a preliminary step towards the unification of the national language, the Vice-Minister of Education has organized a Commission in the Ministry of Education to study the different dialects in the provinces as well as the measures to be devised to reduce them into a uniform tongue.

The German is as artful as ever. According to the *Aberdeen Daily Journal*, Germany renounced Shanghai in order that it might prove an apple of discord among the Allies. After this warning Japan will, no doubt, ask Germany to take Shanghai back again. From Aberdeen Far Eastern questions evidently fall into perspective. This obvious explanation of how the Shanghai clauses came to be perpetrated had not been noticed here.

A survey of the waters in which the German fleet lies has established the probability that seven of the large battleships can be salvaged. Accordingly the Admiralty has placed contracts with a well-known Liverpool salvage association. The project will certainly involve the expenditure of a large amount of the British public's money, and therefore it is right that they should know who is going to get the ships—another nation or Britain.

SHIPS IN HARBOUR.

List of vessels in port this morning.

British	Japanese
Kueichow	Tango Maru
Haiyang	Alaska Maru
Haihong	Tamon Maru
Thongwa	Ujo Maru
Sunning	Sosho Maru
Paoing	Kairu Maru
Loksang	Nippon Maru
Hong Moh	Amakusa Maru
Yuensang	Hoten Maru
Circé Shell	Masayoshu Maru
Teau	
Glentalloch	
Brisbane	
Jason	
Laisang	
Norwegian	Chinese
Hero	Taiszema
Hernlein	Yuetsang
	Kwangtuh
	Yangtsiang
	Chikshang
	Sunshang
	Nankam
American	French
Brooklyn	Hanoi
Tancerville	Songma
Russian	Dutch
Olaf	Tijlboort

BACK FROM THE WAR.

Amongst the passengers who arrived in the Colony yesterday by the B.L. s.s. "Thongwa" were the following Hongkong men who have returned from the war: Messrs. Spiers, Rapley, Jack, Johnstone, Brown and Marley, who were called up under the Military Service Act, 1915 until the early part of 1918 when he was badly wounded. He was released from hospital just prior to the signing of the armistice. Mr. Braga was a very keen sportsman and figured prominently in cricket, tennis and football in Hongkong. He left the Pacific Mail here to join the Colours.

SPECIAL CABLE.

HONGKONG'S NEW GOVERNOR.

ENTERTAINED AT SINGAPORE.

[China Mail Special.]

SINGAPORE, September 24.

Sir Reginald Stubbs arrived this morning accompanied by Messrs McGrath (A.D.C.) and Lee Warner (private secretary). He is the guest to-day of Mr. Marriot, the deputy officer administering the Government. He goes aboard after dinner to-night, and leaves to-morrow.

KINEMA NOTICES.

THE VICTORIA THEATRE.

We understand that the "Prize Packets," who are appearing at the Victoria Theatre for a few nights commencing from to-day have a programme which for diversity and attractiveness should enhance their reputation as a versatile English vaudeville company. They drew crowded houses at Shanghai and another successful season in Hongkong is assured, judging by their popularity. Besides the "Prize Packets" the programme at the Victoria to-night will include a beautiful picture entitled "The Voice of Destiny" in which Baby Marie Osborne takes the title role. We are advised to state that there will be no increase in admission prices.

ECHO OF THE RECENT EXTRADITION TRIAL.

A THREAT TO KILL.

A Chinese, was before Mr. N. L. Smith this morning charged with threatening Chan Woon's life. Inspector Watt said that only recently he was in charge of the Extradition Case before Mr. R. E. Lindsell in which Chan Hing was charged, on behalf of the Canton authorities with having kidnapped a girl in Lantau. Chan Hing is now in jail waiting for extradition. A brother of the girl gave evidence of the loss of his sister. As a consequence of this, defendant went on Tuesday to No. 216 Des Voeux Road Central (where the girl's brothers were employed), saw the master of the shop and told him that he had arranged to kill him.

Chan Woon, the master, giving evidence said that in the recent extradition case, he was not concerned. Only two of his folk (the brothers of the girl) went up to the Court to give evidence. On Tuesday at 10 in the morning defendant went to his shop and asked "Who is Chan Woon?" Witness replied that he was the man. Defendant then asked "Have you any enemies?" Witness replied he had none. Defendant continuing said "Didn't you go up to the Police Court to give evidence against Chan Hing? I am offered \$200 to kill you." Witness replied that he did not give evidence, only his two folk had. Witness was then led out to the street where there were fourteen men gathered. Two folk followed witness, and one saw defendant hold up his hand as a signal, and be immediately caught hold of him, and the shopkeepers blew whistles and defendant was arrested, while the fourteen men ran away.

Defendant said that a rumour went round the country that Chan Woon gave evidence against Chan Hing in Hongkong. He came down, went to the shop and told Chan Woon, the news. He did not threaten him.

His Worship: What about the fourteen men?

Defendant: I don't know who they were.

His Worship: You did mention the \$200? What was it for?

Defendant: I know nothing about it.

His Worship: Three months!

EXPORTING SUBSIDIARY COINS.

ANOTHER PROSECUTION.

The new proclamation increasing the amount of small change that may be taken out of the Colony to \$8 has not stopped breaches of the law.

This morning a young Chinese found with \$18 worth of ten-cent coins on the Loung Wing wharf was charged.

He pleaded ignorance of the law. He was a visitor from the country, and had earned his money while in Hongkong.

A Police sergeant said that such people were not likely to see the notices posted up. Perhaps his Worship would give the man the opportunity of changing his earnings into notes, as he was genuinely ignorant of the law?

Mr. Smith: Money confiscated.

LOCAL VOLUNTEERS
DECORATED.

LONG SERVICE MEDAL.

In the presence of a few friends and comrades on the Volunteer Parade Ground at 12.30, to-day, H.E. the Governor, the Hon. Mr. Claud Severn, C.M.G., presented Capt. the Hon. E. D. C. Wolfe, Co. Sgt.-Maj. G. W. Kynoch and Pte. (late Capt.) J. H. Underwood of the H.K.D.C., with the Colonial Auxiliary Forces Long Service Medal.

Amongst those present were H.E. the General Officer Commanding the Troops, Major-General F. Ventris, C.B., the Hon. Mr. A. G. M. Fletcher, the Hon. Mr. W. Chatham, C.M.G., Captain Stewart, Adjutant, H.K.D.C., Mr. W. Logan and Mr. T. Petrie.

Addressing C.S.M. Kynoch, H.E. said: "Company Sergeant Major Kynoch, I see from your record of service that you have served for nearly 4 years with the Glasgow 2nd Position Field Battery, Lanarkshire A.V.C., as a driver. The rest of your service was spent in Hongkong in the Volunteer Corps and afterwards in the Defence Corps. You joined the Corps as a private and after your transfer to the Engineer Co., you rose from Sapper to Company Sergeant Major in the H.K.V.C. You were specially mentioned in the Gazette for valuable services rendered during the war as Company Sergeant Major of the H.K.D.C. I have much pleasure in presenting you with the Colonial Auxiliary Forces Long Service Medal."

H.E. then pinned the Medal on C.S.M. Kynoch's breast and shook hands with him.

In presenting the medal to Pte. J.H. Underwood, H.E. said: "Private Underwood, I see from your record that you have passed all the ranks in the H.K.V.C. and Defence Corps. You joined as a gunner in the Artillery Co., in 1888, and rose to Sergeant and later became a Captain, and then patriotically, when the Reserves were formed, you began again as a private. You have served with the Defence Corps from the first day of the war. I have much pleasure in presenting you with the Long Service Medal."

Reading Capt. E. D. C. Wolfe's record, H.E. said: "Capt. Wolfe, I have your record of service and I see that in two years you rose from private to sergeant in the Cambridge University Rifle Volunteers. It is known, I think, as the 2nd Cambridgeshire. Soon after your arrival here, you joined the Artillery Co. as a Gunner and rose rapidly to Bombardier, Corporal, Sergeant and Co. Sgt.-Maj., and finally became Captain in 1917. When the Defence Corps was formed, you served as Captain and took charge of the Signalling Section which has attained a high standard of efficiency under your supervision. You have had altogether 22 years' good service both at Home and in Hongkong. I have much pleasure in presenting you with the Long Service Medal.

FINDING ARMS ON
PREMISES.

OWNERS HELD RESPONSIBLE.

Before Mr. N. L. Smith this morning two men were charged with the unlawful possession of a revolver and 2 rounds of ammunition on the ground floor of No. 38, Lower Lascar Row.

Mr. W. B. Hind appeared for the defence and pleaded not guilty.

A Chinese constable deposed that at 10.30 yesterday morning he went to the ground floor of the house with a warrant. The house was occupied by a hide dealer. He saw a number of rolls of hide and second defendant was opening one and witness was opening the others when he saw defendant turn his back, wrap up a revolver with newspaper and attempt to hide it underneath a wooden stand. He stopped him, and Inspector Grant was called. He found that the revolver was loaded with two bullets.

Inspector Grant confirmed.

The first defendant called into the box said that he was the son of the proprietor of the shop, who had gone up to Canton, but had returned after receiving a telegram that he was arrested. He came down from the country to take up the business, and was in charge on behalf of his father.

The second defendant, said that he was a salesman in the shop. There were altogether seven jobs. He did not know that there was a revolver hidden inside the roll of hide.

Mr. Hind said that as far as the evidence went, there was no case against the first defendant. The owner of a shop could not be held responsible for the finding of arms or ammunition put there by other people. The evidence against the second defendant was slight. He knew that a penalty would be imposed on anyone for the unlawful possession of a revolver, and his act of concealing it, was only the thought of the moment. He did not know whose it was, and he tried to prevent serious consequences.

His Worship said the owner should be held responsible, but, as he was away at the time, he would fine first defendant \$250 or nine months. He discharged second defendant.

CORRESPONDENCE.

THE SNAKE JOKE.

[To the Editor of the "CHINA MAIL."]

Sir—I do not mean to appoint myself as an umpire in the present epistolary controversy between Jojo Gutz and John Kestrel, but I cannot refrain from venting my disgust, which I feel confident your readers share with me, to see the beauty of it robbed in the latter's deviation from creditable arguments to malicious personal attacks.

Appropos to the sending of a poisonous reptile to an acquaintance, sufficient explanations and proofs have been given to the satisfaction of everyone concerned that it was only a joke; for, although it was a poisonous snake, yet it was quite harmless as it was harmless, and the absence of malice leaves on him no reflection whatsoever worthy of John Kestrel's imputation.

John Kestrel is right in refusing to believe that "Jojo" has raised all this fuss only for the purpose to have a chance of telling the public that the brown boots in which he attended the parade cost him \$17.50. Indeed, the sole cause of this "tempest in a nutshell" is his manly caprice, or call it insubordination if John Kestrel so pleases, not to make himself a cowardly fool to be let by the nose by authors of absurd rules such as to wear black boots at his own expense as John Kestrel did.

Yours faithfully,

PAPA.

HONGKONG, Sept. 25.

SNAKE PIGEON AND BOOTS.

[To the Editor of the "CHINA MAIL."]

DEAR SIR.—Mr. John Kestrel's letter under the heading "Boots and poisonous reptiles" is not likely to sweeten the cup into which he and Mr. Jojo Gutz have of late been pouring bitter words of argument. Why does Mr. John Kestrel bring up the snake pigeon again?

Cannot he argue on a point without flinging past failings at the face of a misguided youth who happens to be "up against him"?

Reading Capt. E. D. C. Wolfe's record, H.E. said: "Capt. Wolfe, I have your record of service and I see that in two years you rose from private to sergeant in the Cambridge University Rifle Volunteers. It is known, I think, as the 2nd Cambridgeshire. Soon after your arrival here, you joined the Artillery Co. as a Gunner and rose rapidly to Bombardier, Corporal, Sergeant and Co. Sgt.-Maj., and finally became Captain in 1917. When the Defence Corps was formed, you served as Captain and took charge of the Signalling Section which has attained a high standard of efficiency under your supervision. You have had altogether 22 years' good service both at Home and in Hongkong. I have much pleasure in presenting you with the Long Service Medal.

Let me that is without sin cast the 1st stone.

"Let sleeping dogs lie"

and above all for goodness sake be a Britisher at all costs?

Yours,

L. A. B.

Kowloon, Sept. 24.

WANTS BOOTS.

[To the Editor of the "China Mail."]

Dear Sir,—I wonder if John Kestrel is aware of the significance of his yesterday's letter. He questions my knowledge of the way in which Police duties are done and says his Police boots have lasted him four years. Jojo Gutz, mark you, wore his out in seven months. The only inference is that Kestrel either only occasionally or persistently shirked his duties. Assuming for charity's sake that his boots are worn out, he could on Jojo Gutz's standard of Police work have patrolled only 315 miles at the most during his four years service. In other words, he could only have done less than half an hour's real police work during each of his three spells of duty. But whether he has been a good police-man or not is immaterial to me. What interests me is the acquisition of footwear that can last 315 miles. Will John Kestrel again oblige?

Yours etc.

ENQUIRER.

OUR ZOOLOGICAL
CONTROVERSY.

WHITE MICE FOLLOW SNAKES.

[To the Editor of the "China Mail."]

Dear Sir,—The sending of a Snake 5 feet 6 inches long—though caused such an uproar and gabble was nothing more of a farcical play—a joke, and a bet to smash the biggest record in Hongkong Jokes, as proved later.

Now—what about that incident in which a local man had a dandy Tango Reel when he had a White Mice crawling into his starched shirt cuffs-up the sleeve, on opening a box of presents? A child cannot be blamed for childishness nor a boy for boyishness—so, why now try incriminating Mr. Jojo Gutz for his jolly pranks of yore? If John Kestrel preferred to be a bookworm all the time of his childhood days—Jojo preferred intervals for pranks—to charm snakes, for charm John Kestrel—should he know him? to drink from skulls; and, now to toy a megaphone may I believe with some. Police Reserve Official in the mouthpiece.

Yours truly,

FOUR FIFTHS.

A DELIGHTFUL SHOW

—THAT WILL BE YOUR VERDICT WHEN YOU SEE THE
PRIZE PACKETS
AT THE VICTORIA
TO-NIGHT, ALSO BABY OSBORNE'S MASTERPIECE,
"THE VOICE OF DESTINY."

CORRESPONDENCE.

THE HOUSING PROBLEM.

[To the Editor of the "China Mail."]

Dear Sir,—Being one of the individuals at present in temporary occupation of a Military Quarters and in the unfortunate position of having the circumstance of a family, I gave me, and no doubt others in a like position, great satisfaction to learn from your last night's issue that a house will be granted by the fact that the new regiment expected will be composed mainly of young unmarried men and in consequence will not require married quarters, but the time is drawing near when the Military will require these buildings—for their own use. S.O.S. signals were sent out recently: "What has been done?" The worst is getting lower in the water and the wireless gear will go wrong very shortly.

A ship in harbour, which arrived yesterday brought out from England several families, among whom about 10 are connected with H.M. Naval Yard. Where are these to go? Confining to an hotel existence for some time, and if lucky enough to secure a flat or house, get under the heel of the average Chinese landlord for this has been the state of affairs for some years. Colonial Government servants are catered for generously in regard to housing accommodation, but the Imperial Government servant, the only civilian in the Colony who has to pay, out of his comparatively small salary, taxes to the Imperial Treasury, has to go home.

Difficulty is said to have been encountered in securing a suitable site for buildings. I wonder if the authorities that own the land stretching from Murray Road to Monmouth Road, eight up the hill to Bowen Road would release a portion for the purpose of erecting houses for Europeans. Such buildings would ornament the hillside and serve a useful purpose by allowing a Britisher to live in this flourishing Colony.

The new Governor will arrive shortly and a lot of problems will have to be tackled, but in my opinion the "Housing Question" should certainly be the first item on the agenda to be thrashed out.

I am, Sir,

"HOMESICK BRITISHER."

SERVICE PENSIONS AND THE
HIGH DOLLAR.

[To the Editor of the "China Mail."]

Sir,—There must be quite a number of ex Navy and Army men drawing pensions in Hongkong and China. Are they all content to draw these pensions at a 4/- dollar? Or are they all waiting for somebody to start the ball rolling? Pensions range from 10/- to 4/- a day, little enough but reduced to an absurdity when paid at a 4/- dollar. The Naval and Military Authorities fought fairly hard to get a 2/- dollar for those serving but I think made no mention of pensioners.

The serving men of course had a good luck and had a harder one in reserve. Is it possible that because the pensioners had no such means of earning the Naval and Military chiefs that they were ignored? If so it appears to me to be very mean. In notice in the "China Mail" that there is an outcry in Canada because Imperial pensioners are losing 1/11 in the pound. Before the war pensioners here were paid at the same rate as the serving soldiers and sailors. Pensioners are now about to be paid at over double the pre-war dollar rate which means a reduction of pension since 1914 of over 100 per cent.

I am sending this letter to all the papers as my personal opinion is that all possible publicity should be given to the ventilation of this injustice.

Yours faithfully,

PENSIONER.

Hongkong, Sept. 24.

CHAMBERLAIN'S COUGH
REMEDY.

THIS remedy has no superior as a cure for colds, croup and whooping cough.

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THE LATE INSPECTOR
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FUNERAL YESTERDAY.

At the Protestant Cemetery last evening, the funeral of the late Inspector Neil Lamont, whose death was reported in yesterday's China Mail, was held to rest. The coffin, draped with a Union-Jack, on which rested the helmet and sword of the deceased, was drawn on a gun-carriage by a party of Police Sergeants, with Inspectors on each side. At the Cemetery gates, the coffin was lifted and the following were the pall-bearers:—Inspector Gordon, Angus, Grant, Gerardi, Macdonald, and Brazill. A large number of mourners was present at the graveside, those noticed being:—The Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, Captain Superintendent of Police, Mr. C. F. Darnley, A.S.P., Inspectors Kerr, Morrison, Gamble, Browne, Boulton, Gushman, Watt, Kerr, O. of Arundell (H.K.P.I.), detachments of the European, Indian and Chinese Force, Wardens of Victoria Quail, Revenue Officers, and a large number of Civil Service men, and a few ladies.

The Rev. V. H. C. Morley did the burial ceremony.

Wreaths were sent by H.E. the Officer Administering the Government, Mr. Justice Melbourne, the Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, Mr. C. G. Berdine, the Central Police Station, the Detective Staff, the Chinese Police, the Indian Police, the District Watchmen, the Chinese Detectives, Sergeants, Mess, European Sergeants, Mess, Wardens of Victoria Quail, Principal Chinese Detectives, Water Police, Chinese Staff of the Land Office, Sergeants, Mess at Shaikwan and Tai O, the New Territories Police Station, European Staff of the Imports and Exports Office, United Service Lodge, United Chapter 1841 E.C., Royal Naval Yard Police, Manager and Staff of the Kowloon-Canton Railway, Inspector Avenell, Mr. J. Kerr, (Acting A.S.P.), Chief Inspector Morrison, Inspector and Mrs. Kerr, Inspector Macdonald, Inspector and Mrs. Gushman, Inspector and Mrs. Gerardi, Inspector Gordon, Inspector and Mrs. Angus, Inspector and Mrs. Darnley, Inspector Browne, Inspector Brazill, Inspector Grant, Inspector and Mrs. Watt, Inspector Boulton, Sergeant and Mrs. McKay, Sergeant and Mrs. Marley, Sergeant and Mrs. Macdonald, Sergeant and Mrs. Speare, and Dick, Sgt. and Mrs. Macdonald, Sgt. Ong, Sgt. and Mrs. Gave, Sgt. and Mrs. Grant, Sgt. Fox, Sgt. and Mrs. Grimmett, Sgt. House, Sgt. Oakford, Sgt. and Mrs. Williams, Sgt. Moss, Sgt. Matthews, Sgt. Holland, Sgt. and Mrs. Kerr, Sgt. and Mrs. Caygill, Sgt. Phillips, Sgt. Murphy and Kennedy, Captain Anderson, Mr. E. J. Chambers, Mr. Windybank, Mr. and Mrs. Clark, Mr. J. Eldridge, Mr. and Mrs. Urquhart, Mr. C. Hall, Mr. J. Cooker, C.R.O., and Mrs. Widin, Mr. and Mrs. Evans, Mr. and Mrs. J. Balford, Mr. and Mrs. J. Steer, Mr. W. Henderson, Mr. and Mrs. J. MacLeod, Mr. and Mrs. Catter, and a number of Chinese.

MACAO NOTES.

In the extraordinary meeting of the Legislative Council of the 19th inst., the loan of \$150,000 to Club Lusitano of Hongkong was approved, subject to the approval of the Lisbon Government.

The election of five members to the Senate will soon take place as the mandate of the present members will expire on the 31st December pro.

The new Commissioners of Police is still studying how to have the workings on the cinema pictures shown in Portuguese. Probably he will get the Colonial Secretary to help him as he did with the forgery case.

The procession of the Holy Rosary will take place on Sunday, the 5th October, at 6.30 p.m. There will also be a bazaar outside the S. Domingo Church, the proceeds of which will go to the funds of the Church.

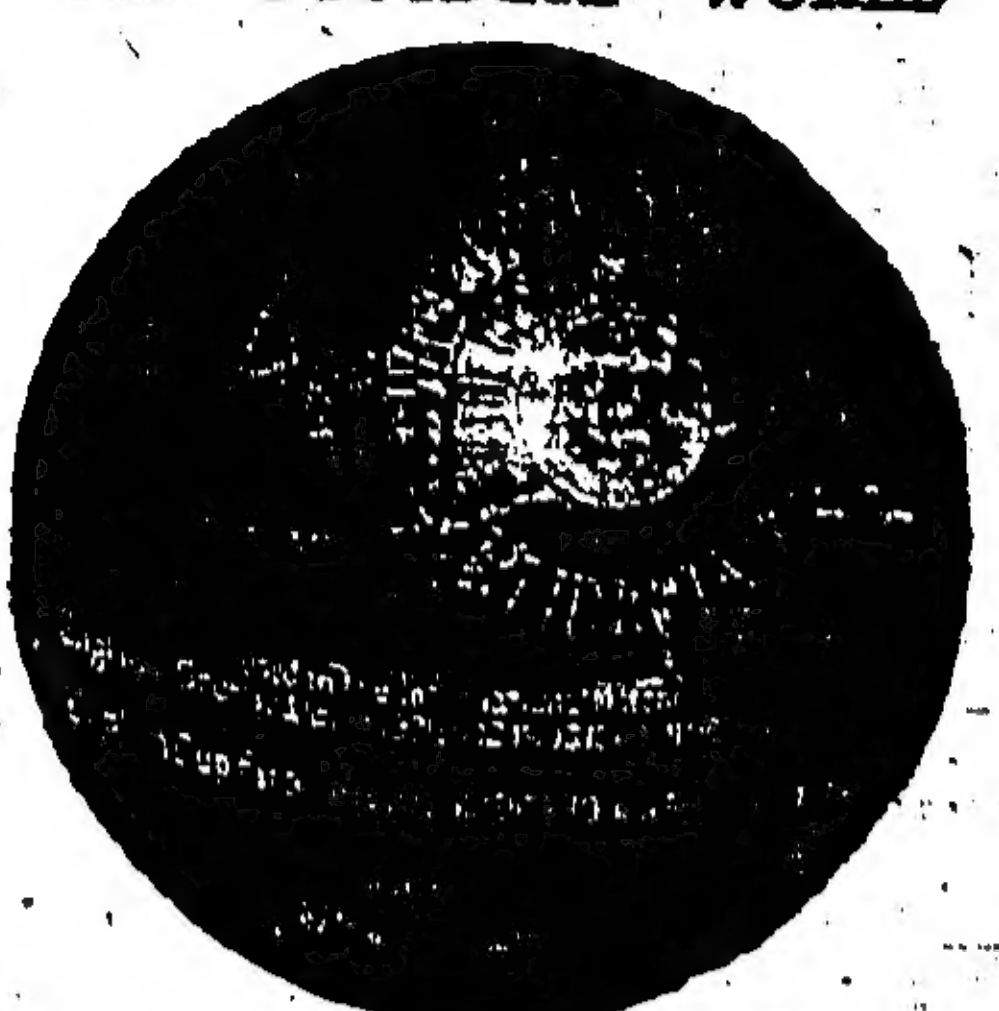
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EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

PRO-BRITISH DEMONSTRATION IN COAST FRUSTRATED.

VIENNA, September 25th.—The news that Trans-Danubian Hungary will be occupied by British troops has been received with enthusiasm at Budapest. There was a great pro-British demonstration at the opera last evening, when General Gorton received an ovation and the orchestra played "God Save the King".

The Premier, Mr. Friedrich, who was present, was hissed.

ATTEMPT TO LAND ON DALMATIAN FRUSTRATED.

ROME, September 25th.—A semi-official statement says that the Yugoslav attempt to land on the Dalmatian Coast was frustrated by the Italian naval and military authorities, who adopted energetic measures.

HAVAS REVIEW.

PARIS, September 25th.—The French trade problem remains acute. Prominent members of the Chamber of Commerce state that the interest of French manufacturers and traders is to import, only machinery and raw materials that will enable them, in the near future, to export articles of value, which constitute the greater part of France's production.

The French report generally point out that all the clauses of the Treaty of Peace with Bulgaria bear evidence of the relative kindness with which Bulgaria has been treated. Serbia, Greece and Rumania most probably will be dissatisfied that Bulgaria, which confesses that she is culpable and ready to make reparation, wants to get away from the war greater and more powerful than she was before 1914.

There was a crowded attendance at the Trocadero in Paris, in celebration of the fifth anniversary of the first victory on the Marne. Amongst those present was General Manuzy, who received a tremendous ovation. The Minister of Marine made a speech.

A Havas message says:—The French Minister of Industrial Reorganisation said that good work had been done at Brussels by the Supreme Economic Council.

France-Belgium economic relations would now be better than ever. France wishing to reserve a reserve of preference for Belgium, the port of Antwerp has a great interest for the French.

Although the export of minerals has been prohibited, France wants to make an exception in favour of Belgium.

THE PRINCE'S TOUR.

VANCOUVER, September 25th.—The Prince of Wales was given a great reception here to-day. The city was lavishly decorated.

Replying to the civic address, he referred to British Columbia as the western bulwark of the British Crown.

He was amazed how the splendid city of Vancouver had grown up in the last 30 years.

He paid a tribute to the brains and enterprise of the great men who had linked the Atlantic and the Pacific, in spite of the tremendous natural obstacles, by means of great trans-continental railways.

He hoped that British Columbia would always be one of the great bases of British sea-power.

He referred to Australia and New Zealand, which he was looking forward to visiting soon, and who were building up a pure British civilisation under Southern Cross.

He said that the services of the naval forces of the Dominions in the war were magnificent.

He recalled that the great battle east of Amiens, in August, 1918, which was the beginning of the victorious advance to Germany, was fought by Canadian, Australian and the old country's Divisions side by side, typifying the unity of the self-governing democracies of the Empire.

In this connection, he paid a tribute to the late General Botha, whose career was a marvellous tribute to the breadth of justice and generosity of the British cause.

He concluded by stating that he came to Canada as a Canadian, and was doing his best to become a Westerner.

He emphasised how strongly keen the young spirit of the West appealed to him. His next visit to Canada would be as soon as possible.

THE SILVER MARKET.

LONDON, September 25th.—The silver market is steady.

Silver is quoted at 92½ spot and 91½ forward. The market is firm.

SECRET TREATY DENIED.

PARIS, Sept. 25.—The important German paper "Politische Nachrichten" denies the assertion that a secret treaty has been concluded between Germany and Japan.—Havas.

ARTICLE 61 NULL.

VERSAILLES, September 25th.—Herr Lohmer, on behalf of Germany, has signed the protocol declaring Article 61 of the German Constitution null.

CHINESE TELEGRAMS.

(Translated for the China Mail from the Wei Tsi Yat Po.)

PEACE CONFERENCE STUCK.

SHANGHAI, Sept. 24.—It is hardly possible that the Peace Conference can be resumed. Both sides are hanging back. Representatives from Shanghai Tientsin and Peking are demanding the Peking Government to cancel all the secret railway agreements; the restoration of Shantung to China; the punishment of Ma Leung a pro-Japanese military commander in Shantung and the formation of a formal parliament. Failure to comply will result in the frustration of the Peace Conference.

THE SOUTH'S EIGHT DEMANDS.

President Chu Sai Cheong telegraphed to Li Shun the Tsuchun of Kiangsu asking him to approach the South delegate with a view to a compromise.

Li Shun replied that Tong Shin Yi, the South chief delegate is only awaiting instructions from the Military Government to resume the Conference but the 8 demands as presented at the previous Conference by the South are hardly alterable.

POSTAL SERVICE WITH GERMANY AND AUSTRIA.

Postal communication with Germany and Austria is now allowed to be resumed.

NO DUTY ON EXPORT OF TEA.

The Government has approved a scheme providing for the free export of tea for 2 years and has instructed all the Customs Offices accordingly.

PREMIER'S RESIGNATION ACCEPTED.

PEKING, Sept. 24.—The President has accepted the resignation of Mr. Kung Sum Chum. General Kan Wang Pang, the Minister of War, will be appointed as Acting Premier and Mr. Li See Ho, the Vice-minister of Finance, will be Minister of Finance.

MR. LIANG SHI-YI COMING.

Mr. Liang Shi-yi will leave Peking for Hongkong on the 26th inst.

CHIEF DELEGATE UNCHANGEABLE.

President Chu Sai Cheong declares that under any circumstances, the chief delegate of the North cannot be changed.

FAR EASTERN CABLE NEWS.

[BY COURTESY "HONGKONG DAILY PRESS."]

CHINA AND EXTRA-TERRITORIALITY.

PEKING, Sept. 23.—China's reply to the Czechoslovakian inquiries regarding treaty arrangements has aroused considerable dissatisfaction amongst the smaller nations.

China proposes to refuse extra-territoriality to these nations, including Germany and Austria, and at the same time, to restrict the operations of their nationals to the Treaty Ports. Previously it was understood that China would offer attractive terms to such nations, including facilities for trade through-out China. The Government has replied that other treaties arranged would follow the precedent of the Cuban Treaty.

THE PREMIERSHIP.

Kung Hsi-chun has tendered his resignation, which is believed, the President will accept. Chin Yung-peng, the Minister for War, is regarded as his successor. While he is believed to be clean-handed, the appointment of a militaryist to the Premiership will further antagonise the South.

TREATMENT FOR DYSENTERY.

CHAMBERLAIN'S Colic and Diarrhoea Remedy followed by a dose of castor-oil will effectively cure the most stubborn cases of dysentery. It is especially good for summer diarrhoea in children. For sale by All Chemists and Storekeepers.

SCOTTISH LETTER.

THE PEACE CELEBRATIONS IN GLASGOW.

[From Our Own Correspondent.]

August 6, Glasgow Fair, the great holiday week of the Clyde district, clashed with the Peace Celebrations over the rest of Scotland. But the postponement—a practically enforced postponement—enabled the whole community to share in the rejoicings. These, with dramatic appropriateness, occurred on the fifth anniversary of the entry of Great Britain into the war. No striking originality was shown in the proceedings. Popular demonstrations, almost unavoidably, follow traditional lines; there is little scope for fresh imaginations. In one respect, however, the Glasgow Joy Day was peculiar. It lacked the social elements usually associated with public rejoicings. It was a shattered city. Bacchanalian conviviality was strictly prohibited, and prevented. Vine leaves were not included in the decorative scheme. The character of the weather, also, did not contribute to enthusiasm. It rained, a thin persistent rain. Yet the crowded events of the day, if scarcely distinguished by gaiety, had many animated accompaniments. For Glasgow people, as all Scots abroad will remember, are very much accustomed to rain, and it takes more than a half day's downpour to affect their spirits.

The leading feature of the celebration was a naval and military pageant of the combatant and non-combatant services. The various units assembled in Glasgow Green, and then marched through densely crowded and richly decorated streets to Charing Cross.

The central scene was the large open space opposite the great gateway of the Green. An immense crowd assembled there to witness the salute of the troops at a Cenotaph erected to "The Glorious Dead—1914-1919." This Cenotaph a timber cross stained walnut colour, was some 20 feet in height. Sailors and soldiers stood on guard around with bowed heads and arms reversed. And all who marched past saluted the memory of those who laid down their lives for their country. It was here that some of the most touching incidents of the day were witnessed, when women, old and young, the relatives of those who had fallen, laid bouquets and wreaths upon the base of the memorial.

The pageant had little colouring, khaki being the dominating note. The Lascars of the merchant ships brought the richest and brightest note into the display, and as they marched along in red fez and light tunics they were everywhere greeted with the utmost cordiality.

A PROFESSOR AND THEN A STUDENT.

None of the paragraphs about "Johnny" Greig (late Captain N.F.), the Glasgow graduate who has been made Registrar of Armstrong College, Newcastle, notes the fact that he was a student. When "Johnny" was a boy in China, the story runs, it happened that there was a great educational wave which carried him into a chair of English in a brand-new University. Then he came to Glasgow to study, and he chafed on his Professorship. His knowledge of Chinese was useful to the Army in France, where he did good work with the Chinese Labour Corps.

JAPS ON THE ROAD.

The latest addition to the ranks of the gentlemen of the road comes from Japan. A brisk little gentleman turned up in Scotland the other day and did quite a good business in various fancy articles. His vocabulary was somewhat limited, and he had a startling habit of saying "No" when he happened to mean "Yes." But he got along all right and booked his orders.

THE LONDON SCOTTISH F. C.

At the annual meeting of the London Scottish Football Club, it was stated that out of a membership of 205 there were killed 69 in the war, 52 wounded, and 4 taken prisoners. Of those who lost their lives no fewer than 44 were playing in the four teams the Scottish placed in the field on the last Saturday of the season in 1914. Members gained nearly 50 decorations. It is proposed as memorial to those who have fallen to place a tablet in St. Columba's Church, Port Street.

BOOM IN THINGS CHINESE.

The reviving interest in all things Chinese is quite remarkable. It is not only jade that has leaped up in price, books on China are in increasing demand, these including translations of native poetry. It is a curious fact that one of the most interesting works, one dealing with the Chinese dragon, was published in German, English, and French during the war at Leipzig. I have seen a copy and read most of it, and didn't spot a single printer's error.

"POLY RELICS."

Polynesia is also booming. There is a great demand for early missionary books and relics of pre-Christian life. Not long ago a friend of mine picked up for a few pence some wooden gods which are said to be almost priceless and are now wanted by two of our great museums.

COLLECTING CRAZES OF THE PAST.

A craze that seems to have quite gone off is that for collecting quaint door knockers. And knotted pieces of glass are no longer asked for. The Highland "cruis" had its innings till it was discovered that they were being turned out by the score by our village blacksmiths. Sundials were in request some years ago, but they have now no market.

THE MOORS AND FORESTS.

Never before, even when grouse and deer were known to be plentiful and in good case, has been such a demand for moors and forests. All the best have already been taken, and this is especially remarkable as regards deer forests, lessers for which were by no means readily forthcoming before the war. Although fairly good sport may be obtained on some moors, it is certain that bags on the average will be far lighter than they were before the war. In some districts there are practically no grouse left at all. In reply to a query regarding a moor which shall be nameless the reply received was,—"No disease, no grouse."

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IS SCOTLAND DECADENT?

Dr. Saleeby reminds one of Mr. H. G. Wells in his multiplicity of scientific interests, and his impatient haste to set the world in order. In his latest book, "The Whole Armour of Man," he says some striking words on the subject of "The Scottish Stock." He remarks, "Will there always be plenty of Scotsmen as things are going? The stock is in fact dying out. The stream that fed it is dry. In 1915 the birthrate of Edinburgh was lower than that of Paris. What England has long asserted of France, with much raising of pious hands, is truer of Scotland to-day." And he states vigorously, "The vital statistics of Scotland are the vital concern of every decent patriot. The facts could not be more ominous. Scotland has furnished us with the worst vital statistics in her history quite apart from our dreadful losses of Scottish and Scots-descended soldiers."

THE GREAT RUSSIAN HOAX.

A quite new explanation of the Great Russian Hoax is supplied by Poca Luz, who tells how the story started in Monte Video, and how it came from there to this country. He writes thus in the "Glasgow News."

I happened to be in Monte Video, Argentine, and saw this Boletin (Bulletin) placarded in the principal cafes (streets).

MOBILISATION

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CIEN MIL SOLDADOS RUSSOS

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DUBLIN

Translation

MOBILISATION

of

100,000 RUSSIAN SOLDIERS

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DUBLIN.

On comparing this Boletin with the latest telegrams published in the "Buenos Ayres Herald" I found that it ought to have read.

MOBILISATION

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LUBLIN.

As you will notice, there is only one letter of difference between the two towns, Dublin and Lublin, the one in Ireland and the other in Russia. Now the news of this mobilisation of Russian Irishmen was brought to England by the passengers of the R.M.S. "Ortega" a few trips before her famous escape from the Dresden in the Straits of Magellan. "The Great Hoax," therefore was nothing than a telegraphic error!

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The Nippon Yusen Kaisha has decided to resume the Shanghai-Hankow service which has been suspended since June.

It is reported that the Nippon Yusen Kaisha intends raising freight rates on its Hokkaido, China and India lines by from 20 to 30 per cent from October.

The U. S. Shipping Board steamer "West Conab," which sailed for San Francisco on September 14, had on board four Manchurian tigers, in transshipment from Vladivostok.

It has been reported that negotiations are being carried on between an Italian firm and the Ministry of the Chinese Navy, for the sale of a hundred submarines at a total cost of 30,000,000 francs spread over a period of five years.

The Nippon Yusen Kaisha has drawn up a scale of increases of wages ranging from 50 to 100 per cent, coming into force this month. The new scale affects some 2,300 employees, and involves an extra expenditure of Y.1,500,000 a year.

It is reported that a number of offers have arrived from Italy, France and Norway to buy old ships in Japan. The prospective buyers offer about Yen 150 per ton for vessels built about 25 years ago, but Yen 200 is demanded by the owners.

The s.s. "Taiyo Maru" 5,508 tons, owned by the Goko Shokai, under charter to the Kuhara Shipping Department, put in Hamburg from Batavia on August 23 with 4,000 tons of copra. She is the first Japanese boat visiting a German port after the war.

Early in the year a new service of steamers was started from the Far East to Britain by a Japanese line. While the ships went home from the Far East laden, there was little or nothing for them to take back and so they were despatched to New York to load for Japan.

On September 13, the China Merchants' s.s. "Chengtu" left here for Tientsin, but en route encountered such bad weather that she was forced to return, and arrived back in Shanghai on September 15. It is reported that part of her cargo shifted owing to the violent weather experienced, making the ship unseaworthy and dangerous.

On September 10, the British steamer "Marathon" from Australia collided with the Japanese steamer "Heijun Maru" from London in a dense fog off Dungeness. The "Marathon" took two holds flooded and was beached. Ninety passengers were taken to Dover by tug. On September 15, the "Marathon" was refloated and proceeded to London under her own steam.

Mr. James McDonald, second officer of the C.N.S. "Kashang," was lost overboard during a typhoon while the vessel was on her way from Hongkong to Chefoo. Mr. McDonald, who was a native of Belfast, was for some time chief officer of the W. "Fat Sing" s.s. "Telemachus" (trading between Hongkong and Saigon) and joined the China Navigation Co. about eight months ago.

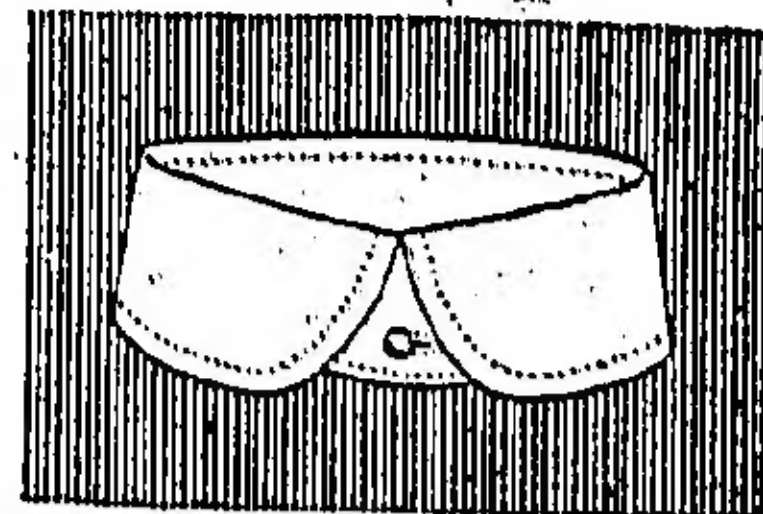
An Italian steamship company, which bought up the whole of the fleet of the Austrian Lloyd, is reported to have applied to the headquarters of the Conference at London, to join the same. Later, in view of the excess tonnage on the Bengal service, the N.Y.K. and the O.S.K. have refused to accept the above proposal. The Austrian Lloyd lost 11 steamers of 40,000 tons during the war.

A serious fire broke out on board the s.s. "Brodvale" while lying at the International Cold Storage Company's wharf at Nanking on September 8, while the vessel was loading frozen meat. The fire, which started in the bunkers, spread to the insulating material of the holds and thence to the cargo which consisted largely of bacon in cases. One hold contained about 700 tons of bacon and most of this was destroyed, there being 11 feet of melted fat in the vessel's hold. The fire burned fiercely until September 15 when it was got under control. The amount of damage has not yet been ascertained.

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WHAT DO WORKERS READ?

Both friends and enemies of the working man have told him that it appears to be the things that don't matter which interest him most, and this would seem to be especially true of his reading. The latest tragedy may be very absorbing, and the serial in the "Daily Scrapbook" may excite his imagination but neither will put more butter on his children's bread or a pair of shoes on his own feet.

It is said that shorter hours of employment are necessary to afford leisure for recreation and study. If the last means that the worker is about to apply his mind to those things that most nearly concern his abilities to earn more money, nobody should be better pleased than his employer. Of course, every man needs a little relaxation for both mind and body at times; but life is short and art is long, and to learn the art of his trade is almost a lifetime's labour for most men, so the spare moments are precious, especially to the young man, for often, if he learns not then, his only chances pass.

In the past many have been content to rely too much on rule-of-thumb methods of working rather than on exact knowledge. There are exceptions and, thanks to polytechnics and evening classes, these are getting to be more plentiful. The technical Press also has done its share towards this; but generally speaking, it has never had the support it has deserved.

There are some excellent trade and technical journals published in the United Kingdom dealing with almost every line of business activity, and offering splendid information week by week, or monthly as the case may be, on methods and processes of work, research and invention, tools and materials. It must be sorrowfully admitted that the British worker is a very long way behind in his appreciation compared with the German and the American. In this country such publications may sell by thousands, but in those indicated they are published in tens of thousands. Many of them here have but feeble circulations, and the best do not receive half the support they deserve, for, speaking generally, the British production has little to learn from abroad.

The apathy of the worker in this country is reflected in the number of such journals published here compared with Germany and the United States. A list of these from the latter country is before the writer at the moment of penning these lines. Compared with a similar list of English publication it is very striking and significant. Every trade seems to be catered for by several journals, and some of these lines of business are so small that they would not support one paper of their own in this country for three months. Yet they have been issued in America for years, and are doing well.

The same can be said of Germany. Some years ago, when editing a journal devoted to metal working, the writer, desiring to know what the Germans were doing in this line, induced a Teutonic fellow-worker (oh! quite a decent sort of chap, neither dishonest nor bloodthirsty) to get together all the publications of a similar nature from his native country that he could procure. The result was almost staggering. In a few weeks' time he came in with a great pile of magazines, journals, and papers all devoted to metals and metal work-

MEXICO AND THE MONROE DOCTRINE.

CARRANZISTA CRITICISM.

According to a telegram received in Tokyo, President Carranza, of Mexico, speaking at the ceremony of opening the ordinary session of the Mexican Legislature on the 1st instant, explained the latest development of the diplomatic relations between America and Mexico, citing practical examples showing America's oppression of Mexico. The President also related the history of the invasions of Mexico by the American troops since 1869. Referring to the League of Nations, he remarked that Mexico had been excluded from it, but that Mexico did not care to join it, unless the perfect equality of all nations and races was recognised in the league and its operations. On the subject of the Monroe Doctrine, President Carranza stated that he could not recognise the principle, as it was enforced upon all nations of the Western Hemisphere without previously consulting their inclinations, and also because it infringed upon the sovereignty and independence of Mexico.

For instance, in connection with jewellery and watchmaking there were seven or eight well-printed and nicely got-up publications. In this country there were but two at that time, and this in the land of Tompion and Pinchbeck!

Unfortunately there are similar instances in most trades in Great Britain. Turn to the building trades of the country, which between them employ nearly a million workers. Here one would think there was such a combination of interests that the papers supporting them would be many, and those well patronised. What are the facts? Apart from architectural journals, there are but two or three devoted to the practical side of the business; and of these only one can boast of any circulation and that deserves more. Now, building matters are essentially changing and progressive; it is impossible for any man to know all there is to know about it; but the journals mentioned endeavour to supply the information required in every branch. But does the worker profit by it as he should?

The mining industry is a larger and even more melancholy example. Apart from journals catering for employers, capitalists, managers, and officials, where is the working miners' trade paper? It cannot be said of mining, any more than of any other business, that there is nothing to learn. On the contrary, one would think there was much that would profit the miner to know in these times if he would go to the trouble to learn it.

When one realises how the workers of America and Germany study to make themselves efficient it is not surprising that they manage to amass so many trades to themselves. For any man to think his education is finished when he leaves school—or even the University—is to write himself down a fool. The more a man knows the more he realises his own ignorance.

As in the war shot and shell was necessary to win every battle, so in the keen commercial struggle before us we shall require all the reliable ammunition in the technical and trade Press to enable us to take back those heights and fortresses won from us in pre-war days by "enemy," neutral, and Allied countries, largely through our own inefficiency and apathy.

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